

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 23-28 have been amended, claims 35-39 have been added. Previously 1-22 and 29-34 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 23-38 and 35-39 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 23 and 35 are independent claims.

Entry of the Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested because entry of Amendment places the present application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, better form for appeal. No new matters are believed to be added by these Amendments.

In view of the above amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Title Objection

In the Office Action, the Title of the Invention has been objected to for being not descriptive. This objection is respectfully traversed.

In this response, the Title has been amended to read "METHOD FOR FORMING PROTRUSION AND OPENING IN PIXEL REGION". Applicants believe that the new title is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Thus, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 23 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 6,278,503 issued to Nishikawa, *et al.* ("Nishikawa"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Nishikawa was filed on January 18, 2000. The present application claims priority from Korean Patent Application No. 1999-26027 filed on June 30, 1999 and Korean Patent Application No. 1999-28449 filed on July 14, 1999. Since the priority dates of the present application antedate the filing date of Nishikawa, Nishikawa does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claim 23.

Claims 24-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishikawa in view of Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). This rejection is respectfully traversed. As previously mentioned, Nishikawa does not qualify as prior art under 103. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claim 24-28.

Added Claims

In this response, claims 29-34 have been newly added. Independent claim 29 is directed to patterning the passivation layer and the gate insulating layer to form a protrusion comprising the passivation layer and the gate insulating layer. Claims 30-34 are dependent from claim 29.

Other Matters

In this response, claims 23-28 have been amended for clarification and better wording.

No amendment has been made to avoid the prior art references since, as explain above, since the rejections are not inappropriate.

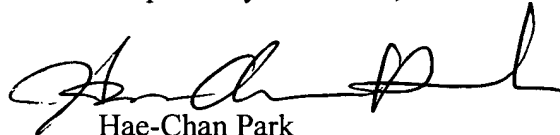
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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- (a) English Translation of the certified copy of the Priority documents**
- (b) Statement verifying accuracy of the English translation**